UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 04-7913

ERNEST L. REARDON,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

STANLEY BURTT, Warden; HENRY MCMASTER,
Attorney General of the State of South
Carolina,

Respondents - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of
South Carolina, at Rock Hill. R. Bryan Harwell, District Judge.
(CA-04-1566)

Submitted: April 28, 2005   Decided: May 4, 2005

Before WILLIAMS, KING, and DUNCAN, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Ernest L. Reardon, Appellant Pro Se. Jeffrey Alan Jacobs, OFFICE
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, Columbia, South Carolina, for Appellees.

PER CURIAM:

Ernest L. Reardon, a state prisoner, seeks to appeal the district court's order accepting a magistrate judge's recommendation and denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (2000). The order is not appealable unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(1) (2000). A certificate of appealability will not issue absent "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2) (2000). A prisoner satisfies this standard by demonstrating that reasonable jurists would find that the district court's assessment of his constitutional claims are debatable and that any dispositive procedural rulings by the district court are also debatable or wrong. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000); Rose v. Lee, 252 F.3d 676, 683 (4th Cir. 2001). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Reardon has not made the requisite showing. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

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